

January 31, 2012

Commissioner for Trademarks Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Attn: Michael B. Aldin 2900 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202-3514

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Matter No. 38900-101

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Re: CommFront Communications PTE. LTD. aka CommFront v. Jeddy Ventures LLC dba

SerialComm (Cancellation No. 92054809)

Dear Mr. Aldin:

We are writing to inform you that we have been retained as counsel for Petitioner CommFront Communications PTE. LTD. ("CommFront") in the civil action Registrant Jeddy Ventures LLC dba SerialComm has filed against CommFront in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Docket No. 11-civ-5710. This action seeks a declaratory judgment of non-infringement for the use of its mark, SERIALCOMM DATA COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS, which is the subject of the above-referenced cancellation proceeding currently pending before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (the "TTAB"). A true and correct copy of the EDNY Complaint is attached hereto. Due to the commonality of facts and law between the disputes, we respectfully request that the TTAB suspend the cancellation proceeding before it pending the outcome of the civil proceeding pursuant to TTAB Manual of Procedure Section 510.02(a).

We sincerely appreciate your assistance with this matter, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me directly at (646) 452-2304.

cc: Pangiota Betty Tufariello, Esq. *Attorney for Registrant*

Mark J. Ingber, Esq. *Attorney for Petitioner*

Sincerely,

Fodd A Higgins

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JEDDY VENTURES, LLC, and SIMA S. ENTERPRISES, LLC

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Plaintiffs.

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COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT AND

COMMFRONT COMMUNICATIONS PTE. LTD,

JURY TRIAL

Defendant.

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HURLEY, J.

NOW COME Plaintiffs, JEDDY VENTURES LLC and SIMA S. ENTERPRISES LLC, by and through their undersigned attorneys, INTELLECTULAWSM, The Law Offices of P.B. Tufariello, P.C., on their behalf and for their Complaint against the above named Defendant COMMFRONT COMMUNICATIONS PTE. LTD, allege and aver as follows:

BROWN, M. J.

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, JEDDY VENTURES LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of New Jersey, having a regular and established place of business at 1298 Evans Road, Wall Township, New Jersey 07719.
- Plaintiff SIMA S. ENTERPRISES LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of New Jersey, having a regular and established place of business at 1298 Evans Road, Wall Township, New Jersey 07719. Plaintiff
- Upon information and belief, Defendant COMMUNICATIONS PTE. LTD (hereinafter "Defendant") is a company organized and existing under the laws of the sovereign nation of Singapore and having a place of business at both 50 Tagore Lane, #05-50K, Entrepreneur Centre SG, Singapore 787494 and at P.O. Box 1893, Rockville, MD 20849, USA, as well as at 13 Lawngate Ct. Potomac, MD 20854-5508.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action on the following basis:
 - a. Under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-02, the Federal Declaratory Judgement Act;
 - b. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 since the underlying issues raised in this action arise under the Laws of the United States, *i.e.*, The Copyright Laws of the United States, 17 U.S.C. § 501 et. seq. and the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§s 1114, and 1125 et seq.;
 - c. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1338 since the underlying issues raised this action arise under the Copyright Laws of the United States, 17 U.S.C. § 501 et. seq.; and the Trademark and Unfair Competition Laws of the United States, i.e., the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§s 1114 and 1125 et. seq.;
 - d. Under 15 U.S.C. § 1121 since the underlying issues raised in this action involves questions arising under the Trademark Laws of the United States, Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§s 1114 and 1125 et. seq.; and
 - e. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a) since this action alleges state law violations that are part of the same case or controversy as those claims arising under the laws of the United States.
- Personal jurisdiction over Defendant is vested in this Court under N.Y. C.P.L.R. § 302(a) in view of the fact that; a) upon information and belief, Defendant is a foreign corporation which operates a website that offers electronic devices and accessories for sale to New York consumers, permits New York consumers to purchase such electronic devices and accessories, and facilitates the shipment of such electronic devices and accessories into the state of New York from either Singapore or Maryland; and b) the claims alleged arise from acts and conduct both Plaintiffs and Defendant purposefully direct towards New

York residents.

- Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§s 1400(a) and 1391(b) -(c) since Defendant is found in this district, and a substantial portion of the harm sought to be avoided, as well as a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein, occurred within this district.
- 7. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(d) since Defendant is an alien corporation.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

<u>I.</u> <u>JEDDY VENTURES LLC.</u>

- 8. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC was established in 2009.
- Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC is a manufacturer/wholesaler/retailer of commercial and industrial data communication equipment such as converters, isolators, supressors, serial repeaters and hubs, USB adapters & Hubs and various other electronic accessories.
- 10. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC's products are fully certified and come with a 30-day unconditional return guarantee as well as a 5 year manufacturer's warranty.
- Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC's products are of the utmost high quality, something that is particularly important in view of the fact that such products are used to interface expensive equipment.
- 12. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC's products are industry proven and widely used by thousands of companies world wide.
- Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC is the owner of all rights, title and interest to the U.S.

 Trademark Registration No. 3,924,759 for the mark SERIAL COMM DATA

 CONVERSION EXPERTS for use in connection with "electronic and optical

- communications instruments and components, namely serial data converters and repeaters, optical transmitters, optical receivers, optical data links, optical transceivers, digital transmitters; Ethernet and fiber-optic conversion version products, namely, Serial Data Converters, Serial Data Repeaters, Ethernet Switches, Ethernet Data Converters, Fiber Optic Media Converters."
- 14. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC has been using its mark SERIALCOMM DATA CONVERSION EXPERTS since May 15, 2009.
- 15. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC is also the owner of all rights title and interest to the U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 85/145,383 for the word mark SERIALCOMM for use in connection with data communications equipment and software, namely, computer software for network communication, serial data converters, Ethernet and fiber-optic repeaters, namely, RS-232C, RS-485 and RS-422; Ethernet and fiber-optic software and equipment, namely, serial data converters and repeaters and computer software for network communication.
- 16. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC has been using the word mark SERIALCOMM since April1, 2009.
- 17. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC owns all rights title and interest to the domain name www.serialcomm.com.
- 18. Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC uses its domain name www.serialcomm.com to operate a website through which Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC offers its internet retail and wholesale sales services to the public at large, including but not limited to residents within the state of New York, in connection with data communications equipment and software, namely, computer software for network communication, serial data converters, Ethernet and fiber-optic repeaters, namely, RS-232C, RS-485 and RS-422; Ethernet and fiber-optic software and equipment, namely, serial data converters and repeaters and computer software for network communication.

II. SIMA S. ENTERPRISES LLC.

- 19. Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC was established in 2004.
- 20. Like Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC, Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises is a manufacturer/wholesaler/retailer of commercial and industrial data communication equipment such as converters, isolators, supressors, serial repeaters and hubs, USB adapters & Hubs and various other electronic accessories.
- 21. Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC's products are fully certified and come with a 30-day unconditional return guarantee as well as a 5 year manufacturer's warranty.
- Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC's products are of the utmost high quality, something that is particularly important in view of the fact that such products are used to interface expensive equipment.
- Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC's products are industry proven and widely used by thousands of companies world wide.
- Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC has a license from Jeddy Ventures LLC by which it has been granted to right to manufacture, use, market, offer to sell, sell and distribute goods, i.e., electronic and optical communications instruments and components, namely serial data converters and repeaters, optical transmitters, optical receivers, optical data links, optical transceivers, digital transmitters; Ethernet and fiber-optic conversion version products, namely, Serial Data Converters, Serial Data Repeaters, Ethernet Switches, Ethernet Data Converters, Fiber Optic Media Converters, bearing the mark embodied by U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3,924,759 for the mark SERIAL COMM DATA CONVERSION EXPERTS.
- 25. Likewise, Sima S. Enterprises LLC has a license from Plaintiff Jeddy Ventures LLC by which it has also been granted the right to manufacture, use, market, offer to sell, sell and distribute goods, i.e., data communications equipment and software, namely, computer

software for network communication, serial data converters, Ethernet and fiber-optic repeaters, namely, RS-232C, RS-485 and RS-422; Ethernet and fiber-optic software and equipment, namely, serial data converters and repeaters and computer software for network communication, bearing the mark embodied by U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 85/145,383, *i.e.*, the word mark SERIALCOMM.

- 26. Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC is the owner of all rights title and interest to the domain name www.rs232-converters.com.
- 27. Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC uses its domain name www.rs232-converters.com to operate a website through which Plaintiff Sima S. Enterprises LLC offers its internet retail and wholesale sales services to the public at large, including but not limited to residents within the state of New York, in connection with data communications equipment and software, namely, computer software for network communication, serial data converters, Ethernet and fiber-optic repeaters, namely, RS-232C, RS-485 and RS-422; Ethernet and fiber-optic software and equipment, namely, serial data converters and repeaters and computer software for network communication.

II. THE DEFENDANT AND ITS ACTIVITIES.

- Upon information and belief, Defendant is a leading manufacturer of superior-quality serial converter and software products.
- 29. Upon information and belief Defendant has a presence in both the United States and Singapore.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Defendant is the owner of all rights, title and interest to the U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3,416,200 for the wordmark COMMFRONT for use in connection with "Computer software for serial and TCP/IP communications, namely, computer software for monitoring, logging, testing, analyzing, and trouble shooting RS-232, RS-485, RS-422, TTL, COMS and TCP/IP Network communications."

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- 31. Upon information and belief, Defendant is also the owner of all common law rights title and interest to the mark COMMFRONT in blue and currently green/blue background bordered below by horizontal red lines with the words "Communication made easy" underneath in blue, for use in connection with computer software for serial and TCP/IP communications, namely, computer software for monitoring, logging, testing, analyzing, and trouble shooting RS-232, RS-485, RS-422, TTL, COMS and TCP/IP Network communications.
- 32. Defendant owns all rights title and interest to the domain name www.commfront.com.
- 33. Defendant uses its domain name www.commfront.com to operate a website through which Defendant offers its internet retail and wholesale sales services to the public at large, including but not limited to residents within the state of New York, in connection with computer software for serial and TCP/IP communications, namely, computer software for monitoring, logging, testing, analyzing, and trouble shooting RS-232, RS-485, RS-422, TTL, COMS and TCP/IP Network communications.
- 34. Upon information and belief, Defendant is the owner of copyrights in certain 2007 and 2008 CommFront Data Sheets, which copyrights are registered with the United States Copyright Office under Registration Numbers VA0001792214 and VA0001792212 respectively.
- On or about November 15, 2011, Jeddy Ventures received a copy of Defendant's Petition of Cancellation as filed with the Trademark Office.
- Defendant's Petition of Cancellation is seeking to cancel Jeddy Ventures' U.S.

 Trademark Registration No. 3,924,759 for the mark SERIALCOMM DATA

 CONVERSION EXPERTS on the basis that Jeddy Venture's SERIALCOMM mark is confusingly similar to Defendant's mark COMMFRONT.
- 37. Defendant's Petition of Cancellation is further seeking to cancel Jeddy Ventures' U.S.

 Trademark Registration No. 3,924,759 for the mark SERIALCOMM DATA

- CONVERSION EXPERTS on the basis that Jeddy Venture's SERIALCOMM design color mark is confusingly similar to Defendant's common law mark COMMFRONT in blue and currently green/blue background bordered below by horizontal red lines with the words "Communication made easy" underneath in blue.
- 38. Upon information and belief, Defendant adopted and began using its common law mark COMMFRONT in blue and currently green/blue background bordered below by horizontal red lines with the words "Communication made easy" underneath in blue, after Jeddy Ventures adopted its mark SERIALCOMM DATA CONVERSION EXPERTS for which it has received its U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3,924,759.
- Accordingly, by its Petition for Cancellation Defendant fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted because the marks as they appear in commerce do not sound the same, do not look the same and do not convey the same commercial impression.
- 40. Further Defendant's Petition for Cancellation is barred by the Doctrine of Laches.
- 41. Finally, Defendant's Petition for Cancellation is barred by the Doctrine of Unclean Hands.
- On or about November 16, 2011, Jeddy Ventures received Defendants' NOTIFICATION OF INFRINGEMENT PURSUANT TO THE DIGITAL MILLENNIUM COPYRIGHT ACT, i.e., 17 U.S.C. § 512, in which Defendant averred that Jeddy Ventures uses its websites www.serialcomm.com and www.rs232-converters.com to infringe Defendant's Copyrights as embodied in Defendant's Copyright Registrations VA0001792214 and VA0001792212, respectively.
- 43. Upon information and belief Defendant's copyright registrations are invalid and therefore unenforceable.
- 44. Upon information and belief Defendant is not the owner of the Copyright.
- 45. Upon information and belief, Defendant's allegations of Copyright Infringement are barred by the doctrine of Fair Use.

- 46. Upon information and belief, Defendant's allegations of Copyright infringement are barred by Laches.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Defendant's allegations of Copyright infringement are barred by Unclean Hands.

First Caim for Relief Claim for Declaratory Judgement of Non-Infringement of the mark COMMFRONT

- Jeddy Ventures incorporates by reference all of its allegations contained in Paragraphs 1-47 of the present Complaint, as though more fully set forth herein.
- 49. Defendant's November 2011 Petition of Cancellation and Defendant's Notification of Infringement Pursuant to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act create a case of actual controversy with the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2201 et. seq., thus warranting the declaratory relief sought by Jeddy Ventures in the present claim.
- 50. Jeddy Ventures seeks a declaratory judgement and a determination that its use of its mark SERIALCOMM is not unlawful and does not constitute trademark infringement of Defendant's mark COMMFRONT. Further, Jeddy Ventures seeks a declaratory judgement that its Trademark Registration shall not be cancelled, and that it is entitled to continue to use its mark SERIAL COMM in connection with its goods.
- 51. Jeddy Ventures has not acted in bad faith or with any intent to profit from the goodwill, if any, associated with Defendant's purported mark COMMFRONT.
- Plaintiff believed and had reasonable grounds to believe that its use of the term

 "SERIALCOMM" in its advertising, marketing and sales materials, and website and
 search engine optimization was lawful given the fact that SERIALCOMM does not sound
 the same, does not look the same and does not convey the same commercial impression
 as COMMFRONT.
- 53. In view of the fact that SERIALCOMM does not sound the same, does not look the same

and does not convey the same commercial impression as COMMFRONT, Jeddy Ventures' use of its mark SERIALCOMM in its advertising, marketing and sales materials, and website and search engine optimization would not be understood by Internet users or other members of the public as identifying Defendant.

Second Caim for Relief Claim for Declaratory Judgement of Invalidity and Non-Infringement of Copyright Registrations VA0001792214 and VA0001792212

- Jeddy Ventures incorporates by reference all of its allegations contained in Paragraphs 153 of the present Complaint, as though more fully set forth herein.
- Defendant's November 2011 Petition of Cancellation and Defendant's Notification of Infringement Pursuant to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act create a case of actual controversy with the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2201 et. seq., thus warranting the declaratory relief sought by Jeddy Ventures in the present claim.
- 56. Jeddy Ventures seeks a declaratory judgement and a determination that Copyright Registrations VA0001792214 and VA0001792212 are invalid, and/or unenforceable or not infringed. Further, Jeddy Ventures seeks a declaratory judgement that it is entitled to continue to use and reactivate and make live all of the links set forth in Defendant's November 16, 2011, Notice of Infringement Pursuant to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.
- Upon information and belief the copyrights to Defendant's 2007 and 2008 Data Sheets, which copyrights are registered with the United States Copyright Office under Registration Numbers VA0001792214 and VA0001792212 are invalid and unenforceable because they contain numerous things that are not original to the Defendant.
- 58. Upon information and belief Defendant's failure to identify which sections in

 Defendant's 2007 and 2008 Data Sheets, protected under United States Copyright Office

- Registration Numbers VA0001792214 and VA0001792212, are in fact original to Defendant and which are not, is misuse of copyrights.
- Jeddy Venture's use of any material that is similar to material in Defendant's 2007 and 2008 is legally protected because it falls within the "fair use" provision of the copyright regulations as defined in 17 U.S.C. § 107.
- Defendant's claims are barred by the doctrine of Laches. Jeddy Ventures relied on the fact that Defendant never brought suit against it, notwithstanding the fact that in 2009, Defendant threatened to do so.
- Defendant's unfair competition acts in an effort to drive Jeddy Ventures out of business, including Defendant's copying of Jeddy Ventures's website in its totality and posting it verbatim over multiple domains and intentional interference with future business relationships, prevent Defendant from seeking any relief under the doctrine of Unclean Hands.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs JEDDY VENTURES LLC and SIMA S. ENTERPRISES LLC pray and respectfully request that Judgement be entered:

- Holding that Plaintiffs' use of their mark SERIALCOMM is not unlawful and does not constitute trademark infringement of Defendant's mark COMMFRONT;
- II. Holding that Plaintiffs' websites and links do not constitute copyright infringement of Defendant's copyrights;
- III. Holding that Defendants copyrights are invalid and unenforceable;
- V. Awarding Plaintiffs their costs together with reasonable attorneys fees; and
- V. Granting such other and further relief, whether legal or equitable, to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demand trial by jury on all issues.

Respectfully Submitted, INTELLECTULAW THE LAW OFFICES OF P.B. TUFARIELLO, P.C.

Dated: 11 21/2011

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1.) Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: NO						
2.) If you answered "no" above:						
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